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AUSTRALIA.

*Plague bulletins from Brisbane, Sydney, and western Australia—
Examination of rats for plague infection.*

Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne, forwards the following under date of August 16:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, QUEENSLAND,
Brisbane, July 30, 1904.

Plague bulletin No. 25, for the week ending 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, July 30 instant:

The last case of plague in man in this State occurred on June 12 last, and the last plague-infected rat was found on the 29th instant.

RATS AND MICE.

Bulletin for the week ending Friday, July 29, 1904.

Rats examined at bacteriological institute.....	207
Rats infected	5
Mice examined at bacteriological institute	66
Mice infected	0
Rats destroyed	47
Total number of rats and mice destroyed.....	325

During the week one infected rat was found at Ipswich.

B. BURNETT HAM, M. D.
Commissioner of Public Health.

BRISBANE, August 6, 1904.

Plague bulletin No. 26, for the week ending 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, August 6, 1904:

The last case of plague in man in this State occurred on June 12 last, and the last plague-infected rat was found on the 5th instant.

RATS AND MICE.

Report for week ending Friday, August 5, 1904.

Rats examined at bacteriological institute.....	212
Rats infected.....	11
Mice examined at bacteriological institute.....	31
Rats destroyed (not examined)	20
Total number of rodents destroyed	274

IPSWICH.

Report for week ending August 4, 1904.

Rats examined at bacteriological institute.....	32
Rats infected.....	7
Mice examined at bacteriological institute.....	10
Rats destroyed (not examined)	32
Total number of rodents destroyed	81

B. BURNETT HAM,
Commissioner of Public Health.

BRISBANE, *August 13, 1904.*

Plague bulletin No. 27, for the week ending 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, August 13, 1904.

No case of plague in man has occurred in Queensland since June 12 last, and the last plague-infected rat was found on the 12th instant.

RATS AND MICE.

Report for week ending Friday, August 12, 1904.

Rats examined at bacteriological institute (not infected)	203
Rats infected	2
Mice examined at bacteriological institute (not infected)	66
Rats destroyed (not examined)	15
Total number of rodents destroyed	286

IPSWICH.

Rats examined at bacteriological institute (not infected)	37
Rats infected	1
Mice examined at bacteriological institute (not infected)	42
Rats destroyed (not examined)	28
Mice destroyed (not examined)	1
Total number of rodents destroyed	109

B. BURNETT HAM,
Commissioner of Public Health.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES,
Sydney, July 25, 1904.

Plague bulletin No. 21, week ending 1 p. m., Saturday, July 23, 1904.

Plague in rats.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number of rodents destroyed during week	1,494	1,518	3,012
Number of rodents examined in bacteriological laboratory during week	587	941	1,528
Number of rodents found infected	1	2	3

Plague in man.

Cases during week ended July 16, 1904	0
Deaths during week ended July 16, 1904	0
Discharged from hospital July 16, 1904	0
Remaining under treatment July 16, 1904	1

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

SYDNEY, *August 2, 1904.*

Plague bulletin No. 22, week ending 1 p. m., Saturday, July 30, 1904:

Plague in rats.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number of rodents destroyed during week	1,447	1,206	2,653
Number of rodents examined in bacteriological laboratory during week	469	585	1,054
Number of rodents found infected	a 22	2	24

a All the infected rats came from one wool store.

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September 30, 1904

Plague in man.

Cases during week ended July 30, 1904.....	0
Deaths during week ended July 30, 1904.....	0
Discharged from hospital July 30, 1904.....	0
Remaining under treatment July 30, 1904.....	1

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

SYDNEY, August 8, 1904.

Plague bulletin No. 23, week ending 1 p. m., Saturday, August 6, 1904.

Plague in rats.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number of rodents destroyed during week	1,224	1,116	2,340
Number of rodents examined in bacteriological laboratory during week ..	383	530	913
Number of rodents found infected.....	1	1	2

Plague in man.

Cases during week ended August 6, 1904.....	^a 1
Deaths during week ended August 6, 1904.....	1
Discharged from hospital August 6, 1904.....	0
Remaining under treatment August 6, 1904.....	1

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

SYDNEY, August 15, 1904.

Plague bulletin No. 24, week ending 1 p. m., Saturday, August 13, 1904.

Plague in rats.

	Rats.	Mice.	Total.
Total number destroyed during week.....	1,241	1,064	2,305
Number of rodents examined in bacteriological laboratory during week...	361	511	872
Number of rodents found infected.....	1	0	1

Plague in man.

Cases during week ended August 13, 1904.....	0
Deaths during week ended August 13, 1904.....	0
Discharged from hospital August 13, 1904.....	^b 1
Remaining under treatment August 13, 1904.....	0

By order:

G. H. KING, *Secretary.*

^a A shipping clerk employed by a firm of carriers in the infected area was found on the 3d instant to be suffering from plague. He was removed to the Coast Hospital and died there on the morning of the 4th.

^b Case No. 7, on August 9, 1904, last patient remaining in hospital.